



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Wes Bruce  
**DATE:** May 28, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** June Assessment Update

### ISTEP

#### **Spring 2009 Assessment**

Multiple choice test was complete on time with no large scale issues. All documents were picked up on time and scoring is well under way. We visited the ISTEP scoring site May 19<sup>th</sup> to review the processes and controls that are in place.

#### **May 7 and 8 Item Alignment Review**

162 teachers participated in the item alignment review. A total of 1,455 items were reviewed and 3 items appearing on the operational tests and 32 pilot items were not aligned to grade level standard. The three operational items (1 open-ended, 2 multiple choice) were “suppressed” and will not be a part of any student’s scores.

#### **Cut Score Setting**

Cut score setting process for the spring ISTEP test will begin July 14-17 with 160 teachers using the “bookmark” method. An expert panel will review the process and the teacher recommendations and offer their advice. The Education Roundtable will meet later in July to provide their recommendation to the State Board for adoption at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### GQE Results

Results from the March GQE Retest were delivered to schools on time (May 8).

### End of Course Tests (ECA)

Testing continues in Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology and English II (A reminder that the current grade 9 students will have taken Algebra I and English I0 as their GQE.

### Diagnostics

400 additional schools were notified that they would be getting the for the Wireless Generation and Acuity Diagnostic tools for the 2009-10 school year. This means that next year 550 schools will be using Wireless Generation and 740 will be using Acuity.

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